

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING--** Tuesday February 25, 2014, --- 7:23 pm  
116 Main Road, Tyringham

Present – Christopher Johnson, Peter Curtin, Gerard Miller, Molly Curtin-Schaefer,  
Others present: (see attached list)

Mail was read, Treasury warrants were approved, previous minutes were approved.

**BROAD BAND UPDATE:**

Holly Ketron submitted the attached document which gives a current update of internet services to Tyringham.  
(see attached).


Gerard Miller made a motion to send a letter in conjunction with the Planning Board to the MBI inquiring about the status of the contract/ grant that was awarded to Wi-Spring to provide internet service in Town, as well as an update of the level of the level of service that has been achieved and a statement from Wi-Spring on the estimates of coverage.

Christopher Johnson seconded no opposition.

They will ask the Planning Board to review the application that was submitted and the by-law under 7.3.1. Peter Curtin seconded no opposition.

**PROPOSED HIGHWAY GARAGE:**

Christopher Johnson discussed the property at 25 Jerusalem Road as a location for the proposed highway garage. He further discussed the need to educate the residents as to the reason the town needs this new highway garage. Christopher spoke to Anita Schilling who is the realtor of the property. The owners are willing to work with the Town on the possible purchase of the property. Christopher discussed this property with Tim Taylor, Asst. Assessor. The property is assessed for \$479,000.00. It was suggested that \$460,000.00 is a fair asking price. Matt Puntin stated his committee has not met about this property and this property discussion has come up quick so he would give his opinion on the property. Matt stated it is 40 acres and approximately 20 acres are usable and the other 20 acres appear wet and may or may not be usable. The house on the property could possibly be used for affordable housing. A plan needs to be developed as to how the town will pay for the property; an engineer may need to be hired to sketch out how the Town would develop the property with a highway building and possible other Town buildings. There is a house on the property which may be used for affordable housing units. Carey MacIntosh and the Housing Commission would like to view the house if the Town was to get permission from the owners. The Town may also ask permission to perform a perc test if the weather warms up a bit. A discussion ensued that the Town purchase the property and hold off on building for a couple of years. The Board will seek advice from the Finance Committee. Vivi Mannuzza asked about the amount of road frontage and deed restrictions on this property. Matt Puntin stated there is plenty of road frontage and no deed restrictions. Christopher Johnson made a motion to send a letter to the owners offering to purchase the property for \$460,000.00 which would be contingent on a town vote and valid perc tests on the property. Peter Curtin seconded, no opposition.

*also an acceptable Finance Plan  
and a site plan of the property* 

**TOWN BUILDINGS:**

The Board of Selectmen had Leslie Beebe and Larry Gould devise a plan of maintenance for all the Town Buildings three years ago. This list needs to be updated and prioritized. Leslie will speak to Larry about updating the list. A discussion ensued about possibly getting the Town Buildings on the National Register of

Historic places. Andrew Slater stated that \$40,000.00 was appropriated at the last annual town meeting for town buildings and still nothing has been done. A discussion ensued about town records and the lack of protection from fire or water damage. It was discussed to look into a company that could be hired to archive town records to prevent them from ever being destroyed.

### **ALL BOARD MEETING:**

Molly will review the minutes from the most recent All Boards meeting to see what the Selectmen had requested each board to complete. A reminder letter will be sent to the Boards that have not submitted information.

### **SEGAL CONSULTING:**

Molly will set up a conference call with Segal Consulting and the Board of Selectmen in relation to the "Other Post-Employment Benefits".

"GASB—OPEB" report Segal prepared and sent to the Town.

### **OTHER ITEMS:**

- A committee will be assigned to draw up an employee hand book outlining policy and procedures with Gerard Miller volunteering to be the Selectmen.
- Finance Committee – 2 meetings in March will be set up for the Finance Committee and the Selectmen to discuss budgets and Town Meeting issues.

### **TOWN CLERK:**

John Curtin stated he was in to answer questions the Selectmen may have on extra help in his office to complete the census. He stated many Town's hire census help and it was not out of the ordinary. Gerard Miller stated he asked about the extra help and paying Lori Curtin for the census work because the Town Treasurer had previously told him it was illegal to pay Lori Curtin and Gerard wanted clarification on the \$150.00 to complete the Town census. A discussion ensued about clerical work in the Town Clerk's office and if it should be hired out, posted etc. John stated he felt for the \$150.00 and the amount of work that is completed in relation to the census it would be hard to find someone to complete the project for that amount. He further stated he would move forward however the Board of Selectmen directed him. Christopher Johnson stated the Board will look into how to proceed and let John know.

Joe Delmolino stated he was privy to his wife's conversation with the IRS on a previous check that was on a warrant to be paid to Lori Curtin. Joe stated Suzanne Delmolino was told that it immoral, unethical and illegal to cut someone's check to another person.

John Curtin stated when he retired last year, Lori Curtin was appointed by the Board of Selectmen as Assistant Town Clerk and that is why she was being paid, however the check was cut to John Curtin. Lori Curtin was not appointed as Assistant Town Clerk this year, she was hired as a census worker and it has been completed.



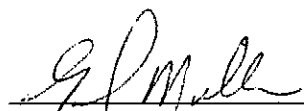
### **FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

Charles Slater will finalize the policy on the siren. It will no longer sound for medical calls. Charles is looking into radios and gear. He may carry the Fire Company equipment budget into FY15 if he needs to purchase equipment. It was outlined he would have to submit a letter to the Accountant prior to June 30 stating a specific purpose for the request.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT:**

Chief Patrick Holian asked why the Fraser's Auto Service bill for an oil change, window assembly unit were being questioned and also the uniform purchase from Sentry Uniform, he stated he wanted to know why he was being accused of violating the conflict of interest law. He stated the department purchased tires during Storm Irene in 2012 from Fraser's Auto and there is currently a winch at the garage for the 6-wheeler. Chief Holian asked why he is being accused of violating the conflict of interest law now and also wanted to know why the purchase of uniforms for Joseph Delmolino was being questioned. He stated he had more intestinal fortitude and integrity than some of the people in the room. Peter Curtin stated he questioned why the cruiser is now going to Frasers Auto Sale's as it always went to R.W.'s for service. Peter Curtin also stated the issue with uniforms is that Town Police Officers should be certified and working in the cruiser before the Town buys officers uniform, not just working road details. Peter Curtin stated uniforms are not usually worn when details are preformed, BDU's are worn. This is how Peter Curtin has handled it in the past and he thinks that is a good policy. Peter Curtin stated this is an issue of tax payer money and not against anyone person. Joseph Delmolino stated he rode to Sentry Uniform with Chief Holian and was going to buy his own uniform and Chief Holian told him just to sign the sales slip. Joseph Delmolino stated he has no problem paying the Town back for the uniform as he planned to do that anyway. He stated all of his uniforms were paid by himself, except a long rain type jacket that was given to each member of the department. Chief Holian stated Joe Delmolino only needs fire arms certification and a couple of In-Service trainings to be ready to preform cruiser work. He further stated Officer Delmolino will start working the cruiser within approximately two months and not only preforming road details. Victoria Sorrention stated she has no financial interest in Fraser's Auto Sales and she is divorced from Peter Sorrentino. Peter Curtin stated he was going thru CHEMO THERAPY in 2012 and didn't realize the cruiser went to Frasers Auto for tires. A discussion ensued about the conflict of interest law between the Selectmen and several others that were attending the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:13 P.M.

  
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Christopher Johnson, Chairman  
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Peter L. Curtin, Clerk  
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Gerard Miller, Member

Sign In Feb. 25, 2014  
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HIGHWAY GARAGE

PATRICK HOLIAN

Chief of Police

JOE DELMONO

TOM ARMENT

Les Beebe

Andy Slater

Lindsey Slater

Holly Ketsou

Broadband

Charles Slater

Fire Chief

Carey McIntosh